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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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MAY'S UNADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT RISES TO THIRD HIGHEST LEVEL EVER

Pennsylvania's unadjusted resident employment rose for the fourth straight month to 5,204,000 persons in May, according to Current Population Survey (CPS) labor force data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor. This employment total, 15,000 persons above the April level of 5,189,000, represents a gain of 189,000 employed persons in the State over the 5,015,000 figure reported in May 1985. At 5,245,000 in May, seasonally adjusted employment fell 59,000 persons from April. This figure, however, was still the third highest level ever, behind only March's 5,309,000 and April's 5,304,000 levels of this year. An increase of 190,000 additional persons working in May 1986 over May 1985's employment total of 5,055,000 indicates a continuing trend of overall economic growth.

The influx of students into the labor force because of the early completion of the spring semester at many colleges and universities caused unadjusted unemployment to rise by 41,000 to 433,000 in May, but the level was still the second lowest jobless level this year. Unemployment was 25,000 below the May 1985 figure of 458,000. Seasonally adjusted unemployment also rose by 46,000 in May to reach a level of 449,000, still 27,000 less than May 1985's total of 476,000. The rise in unemployment is more the result of Pennsylvania's continued strong labor force growth than a turnaround in the State's economy.

The rise in unemployment was reflected in the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.9 percent, 0.8 of a percentage point higher than the April 7.1 rate, a new recovery low. The unadjusted unemployment rate also rose in May to 7.7 percent, 0.7 of a percentage point above March's 7.0 percent. Current unemployment rates are well below the May 1985 figures of 8.4 percent (unadjusted) and 8.6 percent (adjusted) .

For the United States, seasonally adjusted employment rose by 218,000 persons to reach 109,110,000, the third consecutive monthly increase. Adjusted unemployment also increased by 212,000 to 8,554,000 raising the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate by two-tenths of a point to 7.3 percent of the civilian labor force in May. Despite the small increase in the adjusted rate, the unadjusted U.S. rate remained stable at 7.0 percent, and thus the national jobless rate has shown no definitive trend thus far in 1986 after its mild improvement in the second half of 1985.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT GAINS 39,600 JOBS SINCE APRIL 1986

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 39,600 in May to amass 4,830,200 jobs, breaking the all-time high of 4,827,100 set in December 1985. May's establishment job growth experienced the fourth straight monthly rise with an increase of 80,800 jobs compared to the 1985 figure of 4,749,400. Both nonmanufacturing industries and manufacturing industries reported employment increases over April, with retail trade, contract construction, and services showing the largest volume job gains.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS: Pennsylvania's nonmanufacturing employment rose by 38,900 in May to reach 3,775,200, surpassing the previous record level of 3,753,300 established in November 1985. Employment in this sector reported 124,800 more jobs than were surveyed one year ago. Retail trade businesses were responsible for the major job gains in May as 12,900 jobs were added since April. Total employment in retail trade equaled 847,900, with a majority of the May increase concentrated in Pennsylvania's eating and drinking places.

Two other nonmanufacturing major categories had employment gains of over 10,000 in May: contract construction and services, with job gains of 10,400 each. Low mortgage rates and record home sales combined to boost employment in the contract construction industry for the third straight month, and the services industry set a new all-time high in May with 1,231,500 jobs. Federal and state governments were the only nonmanufacturing groups which reported job losses in May, down 100 and 3,300 respectively.

MANUFACTURING JOBS: Manufacturing industries exhibited a modest increase in employment during May, up 400 to total 1,052,300. Losses in machinery except electric equipment (-1,200) and apparel and related products (-1,100) discouraged further job gains in the manufacturing sector. **Durable goods** employment rose by 200 to 601,600 in May, 43,200 less than the 1985 level. Partly responsible for that increase in durable goods were electric and electronic equipment which added 600 jobs and stone, clay, and glass products which gained 500 jobs over the month. Smaller increases of 400 jobs each were reported in lumber and wood products and miscellaneous manufactures.

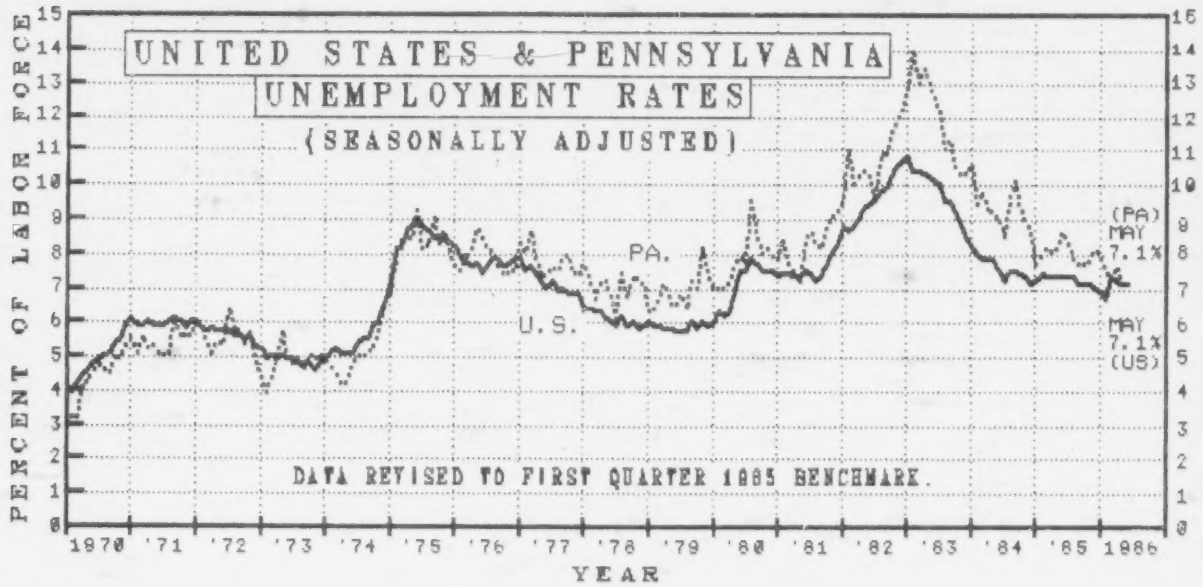
Nondurable goods employment also increased, up 200 jobs since April to 450,700 in May. The largest volume gains occurred over the month in paper products and chemical products, both up 600 since April. May's nondurable goods job level fell 9,700 compared with May 1985's figure of 460,400.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS ROSE SLIGHTLY IN MAY

Pennsylvania's manufacturing industrial workers in May reported average hourly and weekly earnings increases of two cents and 80 cents respectively. Average hourly earnings rose to $9.73 since April, while average weekly earnings grew to $389.20. Over the past year, hourly earnings rose 18 cents and weekly earnings were up $11.02. Average weekly hours remained stable at 40.0 hours in May. The average workweek was four-tenths of an hour or 24 minutes longer than in May 1985. Durable goods industrial workers earned an average of $10.52 an hour, worked 40.8 hours, and received $429.22 in average weekly earnings. Comparable data for the nondurable goods workers were $8.68, 39.1 hours, and $339.39, respectively. Retail trade, the largest volume job gainer of the month, had workers in the general merchandise stores subdivision averaging $6.25 an hour in May, an increase of 38 cents or 6.5 percent since May 1985.

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	MAY 1986	APRIL 1986	MAY 1985	NET CHANGE FROM: APRIL 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: MAY 1985
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,637	5,581	5,473	56.0	164.0
Employment	5,204	5,189	5,015	15.0	189.0
Unemployment	433	392	458	41.0	-25.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.0	8.4	0.7	-0.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,694	5,707	5,531	-13.0	163.0
Employment	5,245	5,304	5,055	-59.0	190.0
Unemployment	449	403	476	46.0	-27.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.1	8.6	0.8	-0.7


UNITED STATES & PENNSYLVANIA
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE
PA.
U.S.
(PA) MAY 7.1%
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DATA REVISED TO FIRST QUARTER 1985 BENCHMARK.
1970 '71 '72 '73 '74 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 1986
YEAR

FOOTNOTES:

Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1985 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable with figures published prior to March 1986.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: MAY 1986, APRIL 1986 AND MAY 1985
(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	MAY 1986 p/	APRIL 1986	MAY 1985	[--NET CHANGE--] APRIL 1986	MAY 1985
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4830.2	4790.6	4749.4	39.6	80.8
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1052.3	1051.9	1095.5	0.4	-43.2
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	601.6	601.4	635.1	0.2	-33.5
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	25.8	25.4	24.1	0.4	1.7
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	18.8	18.9	20.3	-0.1	-1.5
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	48.7	48.2	48.8	0.5	-0.1
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	95.0	94.9	106.7	0.1	-11.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	89.0	89.0	91.5	0.0	-2.5
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	107.2	108.4	115.9	-1.2	-8.7
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	98.9	98.3	105.2	0.6	-6.3
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	60.4	60.8	64.6	-0.4	-4.2
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	37.7	37.8	37.4	-0.1	0.3
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	20.1	19.7	20.6	0.4	-0.5
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	450.7	450.5	460.4	0.2	-9.7
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	89.0	89.0	88.1	0.0	0.9
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1.9	1.7	2.2	0.2	-0.3
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	31.0	31.0	31.1	0.0	-0.1
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	92.0	93.1	101.1	-1.1	-9.1
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	41.4	40.8	41.1	0.6	0.3
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	77.9	77.9	75.3	0.0	2.6
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	59.6	59.0	59.8	0.6	-0.2
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	11.0	11.2	13.3	-0.2	-2.3
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	36.0	36.0	36.9	0.0	-0.9
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	10.9	10.8	11.5	0.1	-0.6
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3775.2	3736.3	3650.4	38.9	124.8
MINING	35.1	34.5	37.3	0.6	-2.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	200.5	190.1	189.7	10.4	10.8
TRANSPORTATION	138.1	137.5	139.6	0.6	-1.5
PUBLIC UTILITIES	100.4	99.7	100.9	0.7	-0.5
COMMUNICATIONS	47.0	46.9	48.0	0.1	-1.0
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	53.4	52.8	52.9	0.6	0.5
WHOLESALE TRADE	258.8	257.1	253.3	1.7	5.5
RETAIL TRADE	847.9	835.0	808.7	12.9	39.2
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	129.1	129.2	122.0	-0.1	7.1
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	272.0	269.5	261.8	2.5	10.2
BANKING	86.5	86.0	83.5	0.5	3.0
INSURANCE CARRIERS	76.1	75.6	74.3	0.5	1.8
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1231.5	1221.2	1170.4	10.3	61.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	208.0	205.5	183.5	2.5	24.5
HEALTH SERVICES	402.3	400.2	383.9	2.1	18.4
HOSPITALS	221.2	220.4	215.4	0.8	5.8
LEGAL SERVICES	32.7	32.3	31.1	0.4	1.6
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	143.1	105.1	140.4	38.0	2.7
SOCIAL SERVICES	72.2	71.9	69.9	0.3	2.3
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	55.6	54.9	52.6	0.7	3.0
GOVERNMENT	690.9	691.8	688.7	-0.9	2.2
FEDERAL	138.4	138.5	137.3	-0.1	1.1
STATE	149.1	152.4	148.4	-3.3	0.7
LOCAL	403.4	400.9	403.0	2.5	0.4
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	2.7	2.4	3.5	0.3	-0.8

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: MAY 1986, APRIL 1986 AND MAY 1985
(Production Worker Averages)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1986 p/	APRIL 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986 p/	APRIL 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986 p/	APRIL 1986	MAY 1985
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	389.20	388.40	378.18	40.0	40.0	39.6	9.73	9.71	9.55
DURABLE GOODS	429.22	427.35	421.65	40.8	40.7	40.7	10.52	10.50	10.36
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	307.32	309.26	303.06	39.0	38.9	40.3	7.88	7.95	7.52
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	331.74	333.59	313.08	38.8	38.7	38.7	8.55	8.62	8.09
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	428.16	426.47	415.42	42.1	42.1	41.5	10.17	10.13	10.01
PRIMARY METALS	511.22	500.45	493.66	40.8	40.1	40.2	12.53	12.48	12.28
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	419.80	414.29	407.00	41.4	41.1	40.7	10.14	10.08	10.00
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	446.87	443.31	429.94	41.3	41.2	41.5	10.82	10.76	10.36
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	395.76	397.44	391.94	40.8	41.1	40.7	9.70	9.67	9.63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	466.06	475.10	493.02	39.8	40.4	41.5	11.71	11.76	11.88
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	399.50	399.50	380.14	40.6	40.6	40.7	9.84	9.84	9.34
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	379.75	384.75	333.00	40.1	40.5	37.5	9.47	9.50	8.88
NONDURABLE GOODS	339.39	338.13	319.66	39.1	39.0	38.1	8.68	8.67	8.39
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	390.45	386.24	366.80	41.1	40.7	40.0	9.50	9.49	9.17
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	249.12	251.47	233.63	43.1	40.3	39.2	5.78	6.24	5.96
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	272.12	271.60	247.11	39.9	40.0	37.9	6.82	6.79	6.52
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	199.49	201.34	191.90	34.1	34.3	33.2	5.85	5.87	5.78
PAPER PRODUCTS	440.48	436.30	401.15	42.6	42.4	41.7	10.34	10.29	9.62
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	397.88	405.96	400.07	39.2	39.8	39.3	10.15	10.20	10.18
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	479.12	467.32	460.22	42.4	41.8	41.8	11.30	11.18	11.01
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	537.03	552.90	530.33	40.5	41.2	41.4	13.26	13.42	12.81
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	352.35	351.85	346.36	41.6	41.2	40.7	8.47	8.54	8.51
LEATHER PRODUCTS	210.53	205.85	208.68	37.0	35.8	37.0	5.69	5.75	5.64
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	439.48	442.09	415.50	39.7	39.9	37.5	11.07	11.08	11.08
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	512.46	527.78	569.72	35.1	36.1	39.4	14.60	14.62	14.46
COMMUNICATIONS	523.09	524.80	503.60	39.9	40.0	40.0	13.11	13.12	12.59
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	596.52	592.02	566.58	42.7	42.9	42.6	13.97	13.80	13.30
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	181.25	180.12	171.40	29.0	28.5	29.2	6.25	6.32	5.87

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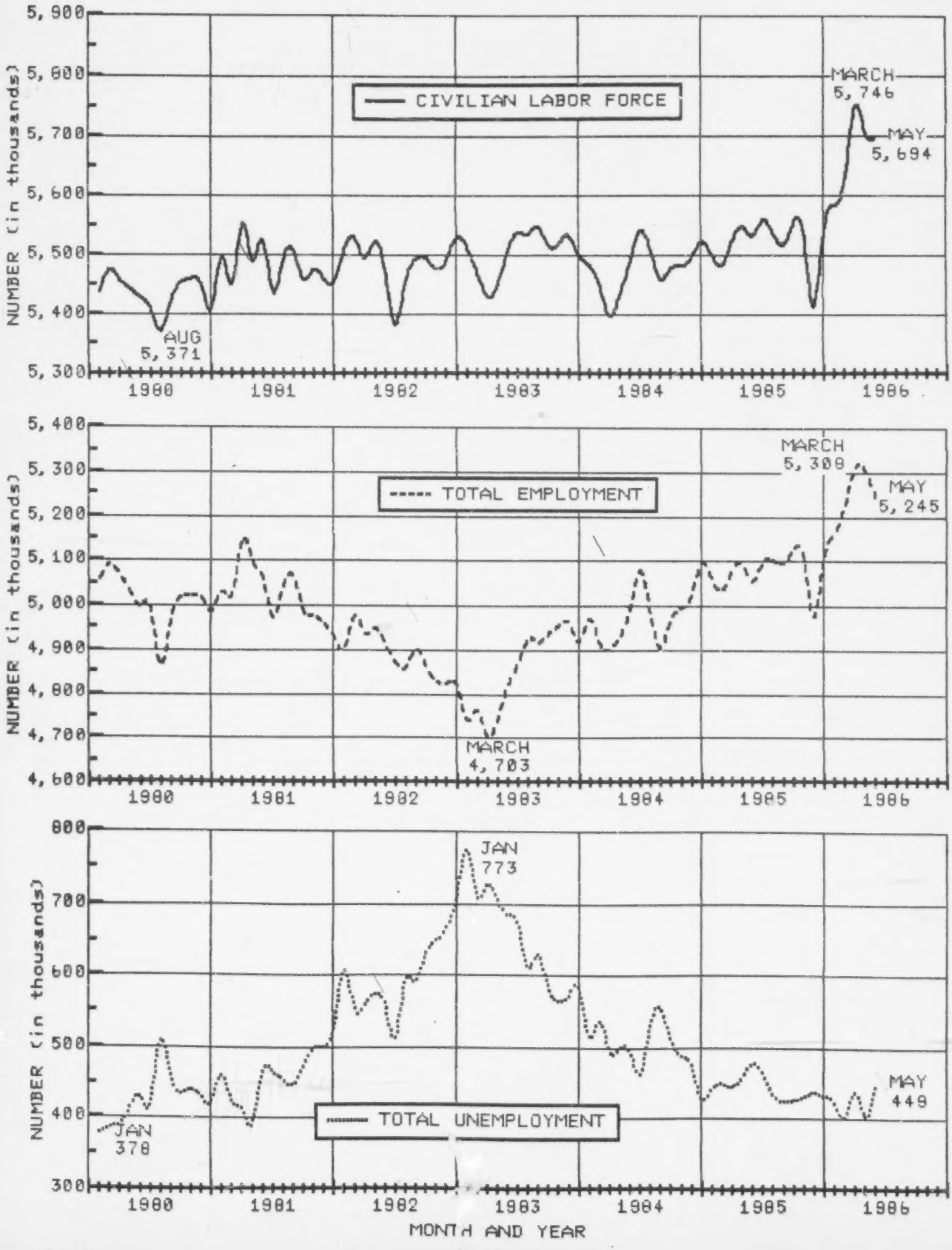

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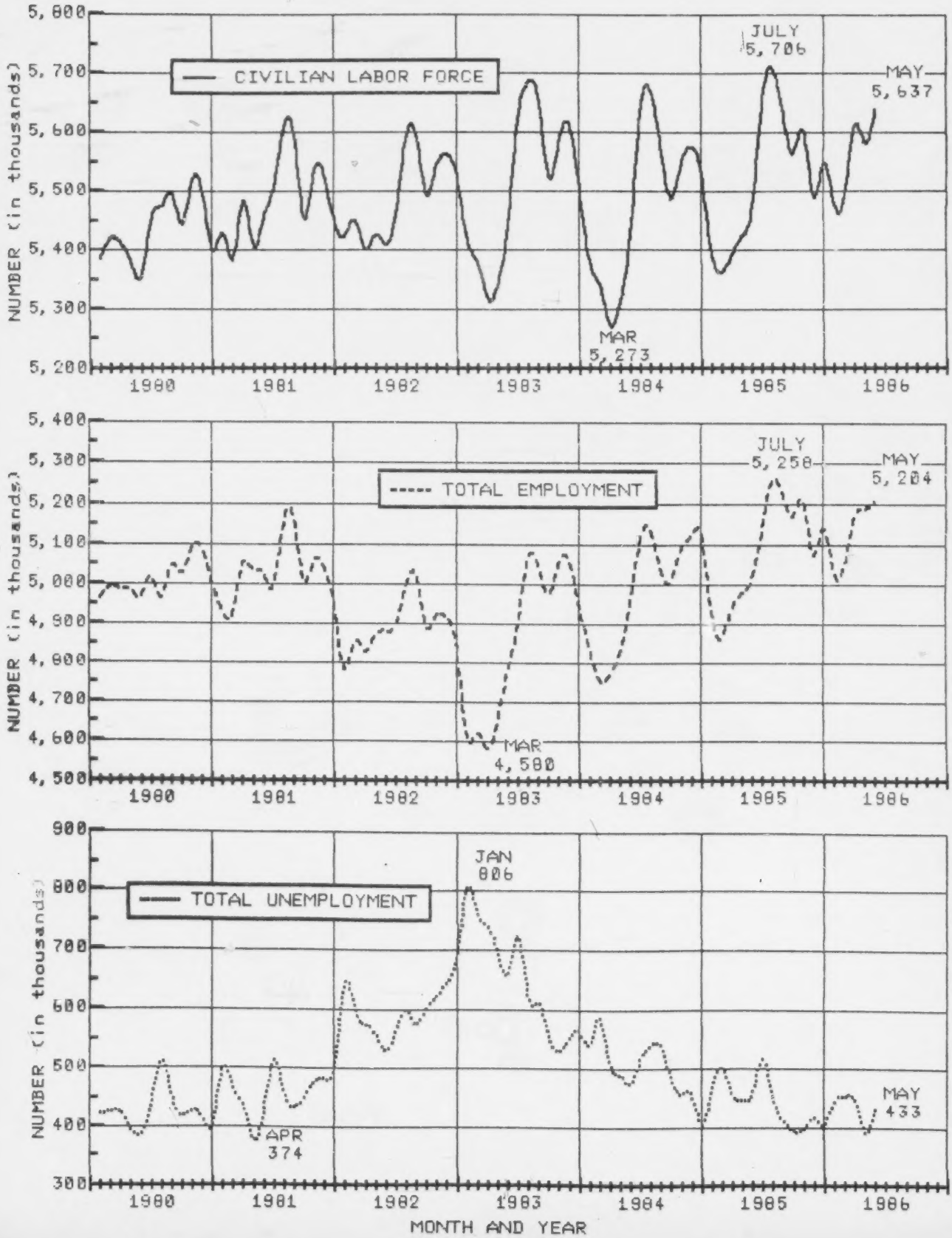

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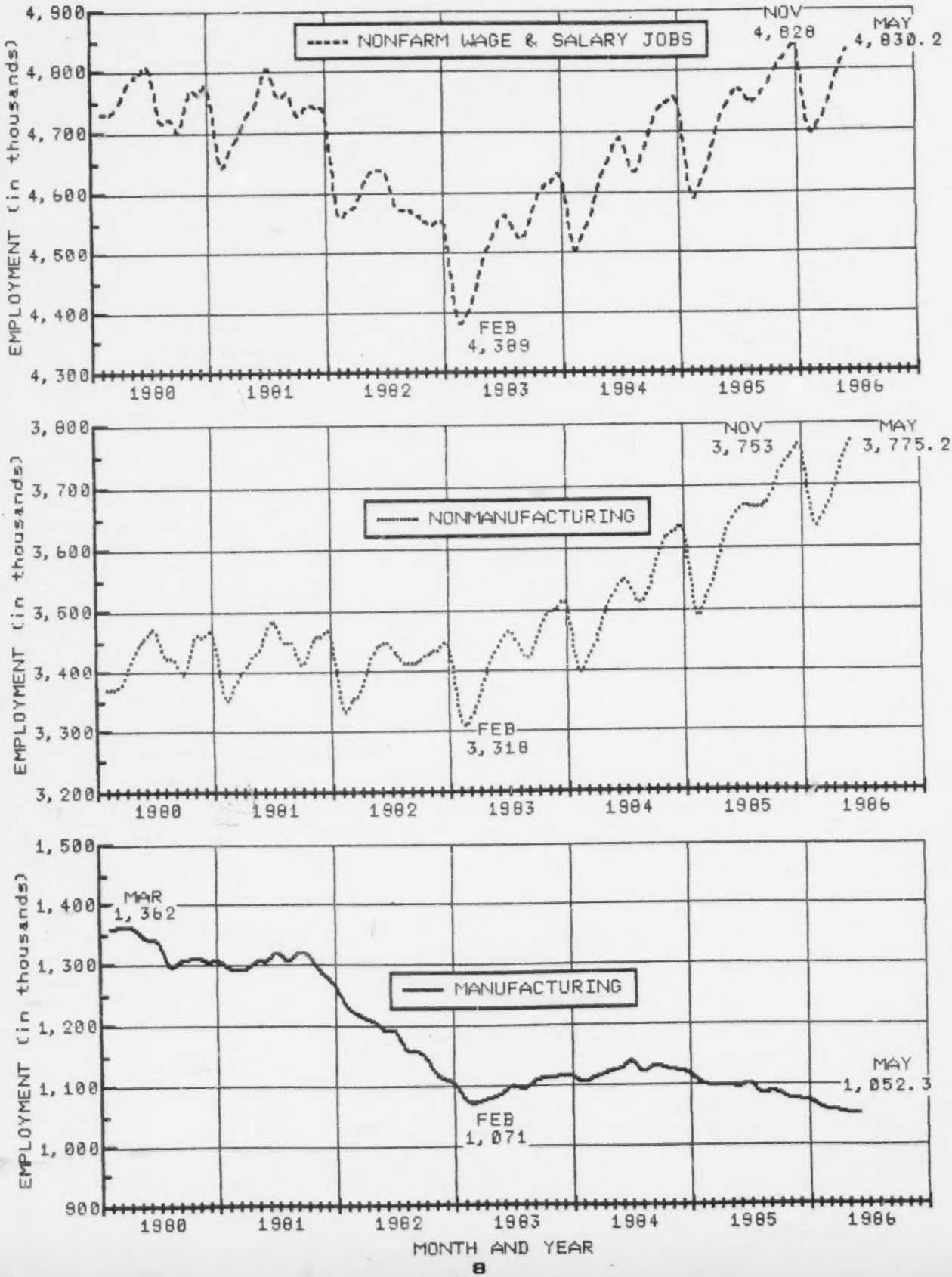

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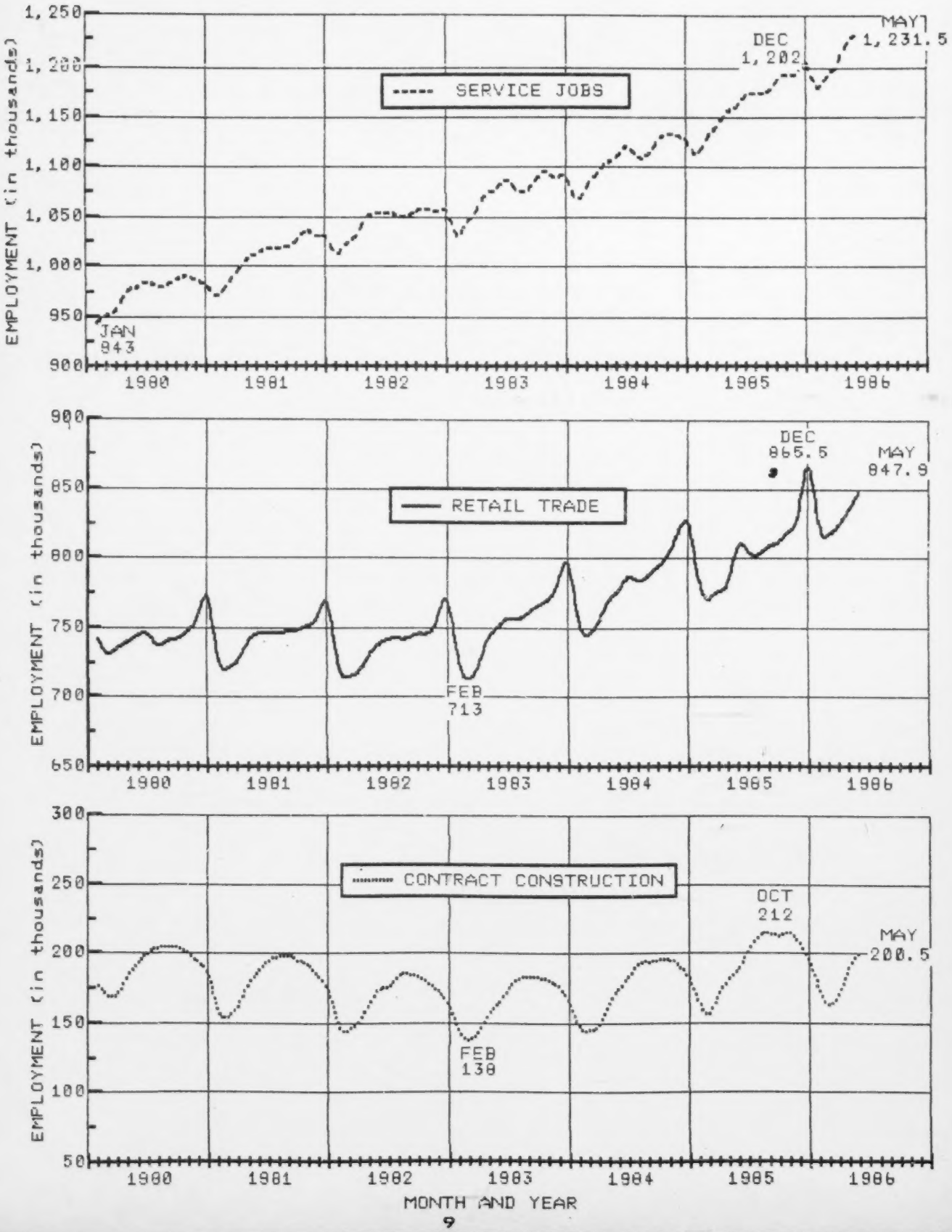

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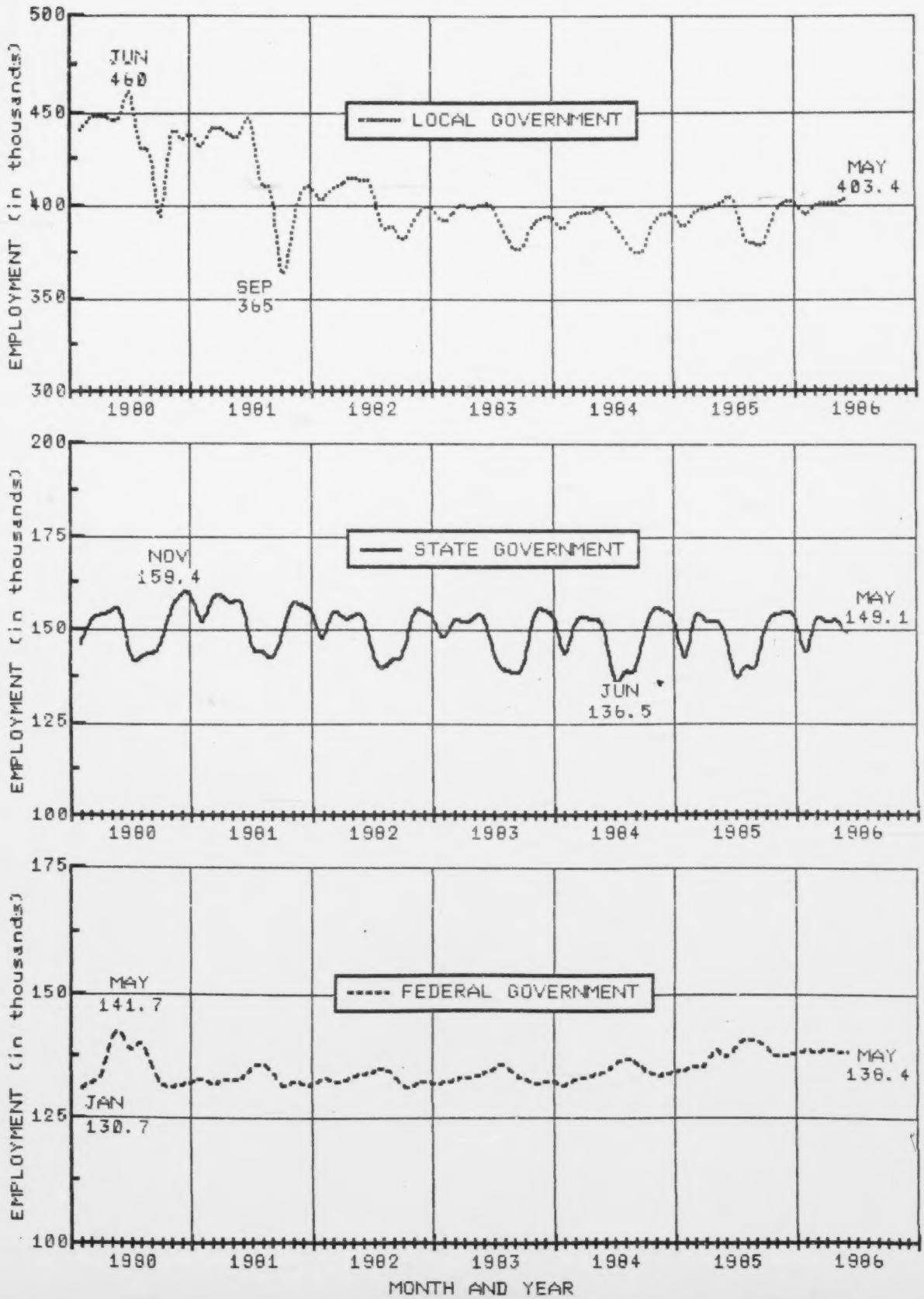

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